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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

After three strange years of court, Microsoft and the Department of Justice have reached a settlement. Both the IT industry and the consumer will benefit from it, and as such, it's best if we work to put this issue behind us, and consider the future instead.

Even though the settlement steps a bit outside of the notion of free enterprise, settling the case now is the right thing to do to help the industry and the economy move ahead. This agreement is pragmatic and reasonable, even employing a mediator at the end to negotiate the final details.

The abuse of the American tax-dollars has gone on long enough. To prevent this from continuing any further, all action that is taking place at the federal level must be stopped at the end of the comment period. It is time to let Microsoft go back to innovation, rather than litigation

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald R. Kossman".

Donald R. Kossman
President

cc: Representative Dick Gephardt

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